

RESOLUTION OF THE
 WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
 FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

WHEREAS, after many years of urging on the part of Indian people and others, the United States Congress has repealed the discriminatory laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to Indians and the introduction and possession of intoxicating liquors in the Indian country, and

WHEREAS, such repeal is contingent upon observance of State Laws pertaining thereto and the introduction and possession of intoxicating liquor on the Indian reservations is further subject to local option of the Indians concerned, and

WHEREAS, the sale, possession, and introduction of intoxicating liquors on Indian Reservations is now legal in every State of the Union except Arizona, and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Arizona is now considering a Constitutional amendment which would legalize sale of intoxicating liquor to Indians outside the reservation boundaries and the possession and introduction of liquor on the reservations, but proposing to bar the sale of intoxicating liquors on the reservations for a so-called "Trust Period",

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the State Legislature is urged to initiate a Constitutional Amendment which would repeal outright the present prohibition against the sale of liquor to Indians and the possession and the introduction of intoxicating liquors in the Indian reservations, without the proposed restriction against the sale of such liquors on the reservations, it being the conviction of this Council that such restriction is discriminatory and would tend to confirm a "second class citizen" status for the Indians of Arizona.

The foregoing Resolution was made on March 22, 1954 and duly adopted by a vote of 7 for and 0 against, by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe pursuant to authority vested in it by Article VI, Section 1 (a) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on August 15, 1938 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on August 26, 1938 pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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